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1. THE JOINT NORWEGIAN, AUSTRALIAN, AUSTRALIAN DRAFT DECLARATION WAS DISTRIBUTED JULY 5. (TEXT IN PARA TWO BELOW.) THE INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP MET BRIEFLY AT MIDDAY SO THAT THE PAPER COULD BE INTRODUCED. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 11 A.M. JULY 6. THE G-77 HAVE BEEN CAUCUSING EXTENSIVELY IN AN EFFORT TO (A) RESTORE THEIR UNITY AND (B) CONCERT TACTICS ON WHAT SHOULD BE THE STATUS OF THEIR OWN PAPER AS WELL AS HOW TO REACT TO THE NORWEGIAN DRAFT. INTENSIVE BILATERAL CONTACTS CONTINUE. AT QUICK READING, WESTERN DELEGATIONS FIND THE NORWEGIAN DRAFT GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE ALTHOUGH IT WILL REQUIRE SOME REVISION, E.G. NIEO REFERENCES.

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THE G-77 ARE LIKELY TO PRESS FOR MORE EXTENSIVE

REVISION. THE IVORY COAST GENERALLY LIKES THE DRAFT.
WILL SUBMIT USDEL COMMENTS WHEN SITUATION IS CLEARER.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE DRAFT NORWEGIAN/AUSTRALIAN/AUSTRIA
DECLARATION:

BEGIN TEXT

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AFRICA FROM 30 JUNE TO 9 JULY 1976, AT
THE
INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE IVORY COAST,

TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF HIS
EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE IVORY COAST
BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT ITS OPENING MEETING IN WHICH HE
ELOQUENTLY INTRODUCED TO THE COUNCIL THE PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES IN GENERAL AND THOSE OF AFRICA IN PARTICULAR,

SOLEMNLY ADOPTS THIS

DECLARATION OF ABIDJAN

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

MINDFUL OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IN
PARTICULAR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY
AND RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERM-
INATION OF PEOPLES;

WELCOMES THE EMERGENCE TO INDEPENDENCE OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS AN
IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS THE STRENGTHENING OF THESE PURPOSES
AND PRINCIPLES;

DEEPLY REGRETS THAT IN SPITE OF THE ACTIVE ROLE OF THE UNITED
NATIONS IN THE DECLONIZATION PROCESS, THERE STILL EXISTS ON THE
AFRICAN CONTINENT VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM, RACIST MINORITY
RULE, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND APARTHEID WHICH DENY THE PEOPLES
OF SOUTHERN AFRICA THEIR INALIENABLE HUMAN RIGHTS;
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REAFFIRMS THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL STATES AND PEOPLES TO
WORK INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY TO ELIMINATE THOSE PRACTICES,
RESPECT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES AND ENCOURAGE THE RIGHT OF
ALL PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE;

EXPRESSES IN THIS CONNECION IN PARTICULAR ITS SOLIDARITY
WITH THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, NAIMBIA AND THE OPPRESSED AFRICAN

MAJORITY IN SOUTH AFRICA;

URGES THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE GENEROUS ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE TO HELP THEM OVERCOME THE DISLOCATION OF THEIR ECONOMIES, FOLLOWING THEIR IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS;

CONSCIOUS OF THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN SOLVING INTERNATIONAL

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS;

EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN OVER THE CRITICAL NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA, REFLECTED BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED AS LEAST DEVELOPED OR COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CRISIS;

URGES DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE APPROPRIATE ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, TO EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO THESE AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES GIVING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE AMELIORATION OF THOSE FACTORS, SUCH AS PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ACTUE SHORTAGE OF HUMAN SKILLS, WHICH ACCOUNT IN PART FOR THEIR LOW RATE OF GROWTH;

EXPECTS THE FORTHCOMING UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON WATER AND DESERTIFICATION TO CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO THE MAXIMIZATION OF THE WORLD'S LAND AND WATER RESOURCES;

CONCERNED THAT THE LEVEL OF FOOD PRODUCTION IN AFRICA HAS NOT KEPT PACE WITH POPULATION GROWTH AND RESOLVED THAT EFFORTS

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SHOULD BE MADE TO REVERSE THIS TREND, CALLS UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO HELP AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AND IN PARTICULAR THE LEST DEVELOPED AMONG THEM, TO INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTION OF FOOD;

WELCOMES THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY, AND CALLS FOR SUCH FURTHER ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE REQUIRED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER ON REFUGEES, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND, THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR AND THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES STRUCK BY DISASTERS, RETARDING THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND AFFECTING THE LIVES AND WELFARE OF MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE;

FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENT FOR CONCERTED ATTACKS ON WORLD PROVERTY AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT, URGES ALL NATIONS TO PUT AT ITS DISPOSAL THE NECESSARY MEANS AND RESOURCES TO FULFILL ITS ROLE IN THIS CONNEXION;

WELCOMES THE WORK UNDER WAY ON THE RESTRUCTING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING ITS EFFICIENCY AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR A NEW AND MORE EQUITABLE WORLD ORDER.

THE COUNCIL FINALLY DECLARES THAT:

THE IDEAL OF ACHIEVING INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND BETTER STANDARS OF LIFE AS WELL AS SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT AND THE ENCOURAEMENT OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL WITHOUT DISTINCTION IS YET TO MATERIALIZE; AND TO THIS END REAFFIRMS ITS CONFIDENCE IN DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BASED ON A REAL POLITICAL WILL TO P PROMOTE AN EQUITABLE AND JUST SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF A NEW INTER-NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. END TEXT
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